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1. The morning of 17 June 1953, immediately after news of the uprisings in East Berlin had been received, all Soviet civilian employees of USIG were withdrawn from their offices at Askania Haus, at 107 - 110 Berliner Allee, Berlin-Weissensee, and moved to an unidentified place. The German personnel was left to themselves and continued to work as usual. No demonstrations, manifestations, or meetings were held.
2. After martial law had been proclaimed, the Soviet employees reappeared at the USIG offices. They had completely changed their attitude and treated all Germans with the greatest politeness.
3. The German officials were instructed to continue their work, and no USIG plans were changed. All efforts continued to be concentrated on reparations deliveries. During the reported period, communication with SAG plants was possible only over SAG industrial telephone lines. [] not know anything of talks on riots in SAG plants. While before the riots representatives of the plants regularly used to come to USIG to submit reports, no representative appeared between 17 and 25 June. [] that work had generally restarted in the SAG plants, but that the daily production quotas were not fulfilled because of passive resistance on the side of the German workers. The Soviet officials seemed to be informed on events in the SAG plants, but they were apparently ordered not to talk to German employees on this subject.

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